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# The Foggy Bottom News

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THE VOICE OF FOGGY BOTTOM

May 1966

**SUNDAY JUNE 5 2-5 PM**

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# FOGGY BOTTOM HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR

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Views From the Copy Desk

HELP WANTED--FOR THE NEWS

Once again the Foggy Bottom Association sends out a cry for help to assist in preparing the monthly Foggy Bottom News--but this time the call is more desperate than ever. The FBA President, who has been doubling and tripling as FBNews editor and advertising manager, will be giving up all those positions next month. The Executive Board has tentatively decided not to attempt a July issue, but the last News of the FBA year will appear in late June as usual. What happens in the Fall depends upon the Board's success in finding an editor and a business manager. Writers are also needed. Interested? Start now and learn the ropes. Call FE 3-2725. Help!

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SOON  
 TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

Between October 31, 1966 and May 29, 1967 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W., will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary. The former date commemorates its organization as a congregation; the latter, its formal admission to the diocese as a parish. Numerous events are being planned to celebrate the centennial, beginning with a service of Solemn Evensong on October 31. Mr. James Cavilleer, 837 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., is chairman of the Centennial Committee.

The parish was formed out of St. John's, Lafayette Square, and its original building stood at 917 23rd Street, N. W. The construction of the new George Washington University Hospital forced the church's removal to the present location. The new building, completed in 1948, was designed by Philip H. Frohman, also the architect of the Washington Cathedral.

When St. Paul's rector, the Rev. Alfred Harding, became the second Bishop of Washington in 1909, he took with him to the Cathedral both the organist and the boys' choir from his former parish. St. Paul's boys' choir, the first in Washington, was reorganized, however, and continues to this day.

At present, services are held daily and at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Sundays. The parish house is also used for the meetings of various nonchurch organizations, including the Foggy Bottom Association.

Through its clergy, the parish participates in both the (interdenominational) Washington Circle Clerical Association and the (Episcopal) Georgetown Convocation. St. Paul's rector is the Rev. James Richards, its senior curate is the Rev. Rudolph Ranieri, and its junior curate is the Rev. Donald Monson. The Rev. Richard Martin, Episcopal chaplain at George Washington University, is also associated with the parish.

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## FOGGY BOTTOM READIES FOR ITS FIRST HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR JUNE 5

Joining Georgetown and Capitol Hill--albeit on a smaller scale--Foggy Bottom will have a house-and-garden tour this Spring. The date and time: Sunday afternoon, June 5, from 2 to 5 o'clock, with coffee at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 730 23rd St., available from 2:30 to 5:30 for those completing the tour.

Places being shown on the tour are:

- 2530 Eye St., home of Miss Harriet Gruger
- 2508 Eye St., home of the Reverend and Mrs. F. Everett Abbott
- 914 25th St., home of Miss Margaret P. Hays
- 917 Hughes Mews (between 25th and 26th Sts. north of Eye St.--enter from 25th or 26th via Queen Anne's Lane), home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Rogers.
- 2402 Eye St., home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Davis
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- 2407 1/2 Eye St., home of Mr. William L. Simon
- 801 25th St., home of Miss Melita Rodeck
- 604 23rd St., home of Miss Cecil Sporn.

### Proceeds to Boys Club

Price of admission for the tour is 50 cents, with the proceeds earmarked for the Metropolitan Police Boys Club. Tickets may be obtained in advance at Foggy Bottom Gifts, 2304 Washington Circle; Rosenblatt's Market, 1000 25th St., and Washington Circle Drugs, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave. They will also be available at the tour homes.

Within the specified hours, visitors may tour any of the homes and in any order. There will be no overall guide, but instructions will be provided with the tickets and hosts or hostesses will be present in the homes.

Many of the homes will also be displaying patio gardens.

### Variety of Styles, Decor

Among the types of architectural styles to be seen are: a two-level 11-foot-wide house with lovely

gardens front and back; a three-level with English basement; Foggy Bottom's own Octagon House with its dormer window look-out; a split-level sunken living room; and a delightful Teahouse-of-the-August-Moon garden gate.

Thanks to the peripatetic occupations and travels of the various homeowners, a variety of decor will (continued on page 8)

### MAY MEETING YIELDS TO HOLIDAY; ELECTIONS SET FOR JUNE 27

Because of the Memorial Day holiday weekend when many members will be away, the Foggy Bottom Association has cancelled the monthly meeting normally scheduled for Monday, May 30. The FBA Executive Board considered moving the meeting up to May 23 or back to May 31, but these dates were eventually ruled out because of unavailability of Pillsbury Hall, lack of time, and other reasons.

The next meeting will be the final one for this fiscal year and will feature the annual elections of FBA officers and directors. It is scheduled for Monday, June 27, at 8 p.m. in Pillsbury Hall, 2430 K St. A program is also being planned for that evening.

The Board has also decided to postpone introduction of amendments to the FBA constitution at this time. Instead it will propose some to the incoming Board before submittal to the membership.

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## 100 Years of Community Service--Part II

COLUMBIA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN  
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By Bettie McNamara Fretz

Columbia's first home was the Hill Mansion, on the northwest side of Thomas Circle, at 14th Street and Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., which the Medical Registry describes as being "the most healthy part of the city."

In 1873, Congress appropriated \$25,000 for the purchase of the Maynard Mansion at 25th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., which once housed the British Embassy. The mansion was refitted as a hospital, and with additional construction added throughout the years, it was used until 1914, when the present building was erected.

For 85 years, Columbia Hospital had the unique status of being federally owned, yet administered as a private, non-profit hospital. In June, 1952, the federal government transferred all property rights to the Board of Directors of the hospital, with the sole provision that the institution be continued and operated as a woman's hospital.

A new wing, added in 1958, provided additional patient rooms, new delivery and operating room facilities and an outpatient clinic with a capacity of 100 patients a day. The 152-bed specialty hospital has 92 bassinets in its modern, well equipped nurseries.

Columbia Hospital has literally grown up with the city of Washington. As the hospital progressed through the years, women from all walks of life came to Columbia. Many of the nation's leaders in

The anniversary of the incorporation of Columbia Hospital for Women in 1866 will be observed June 1. The official birthday celebration will be held in September at a special 100th Anniversary luncheon salute to Columbia's Century of Community Service. The Foggy Bottom News adds its own toast to the hospital with this two-part history, the first installment of which appeared last month.

business, professional and public life were born at Columbia.

The roster of the Board and Professional Staff has listed the names of some of the country's most distinguished citizens and surgeons. Residencies at the hospital have been sought after by young doctors who have served their internship elsewhere and who desire exceptionally outstanding training in the work of obstetrics and gynecology.

Throughout the years, Columbia has contributed generously to medical and professional advancement in its specialized field. The first prenatal clinic in the United States was established at Columbia in 1921, and it was the second hospital in the country to establish a recovery room for the immediate post-operative care of surgical patients.

Since the opening of the hospital over 265,000 patients have been admitted to Columbia. Last year's admissions totaled 9,234.

A living memorial of cooperative community endeavor, Columbia Hospital has emerged a citadel dedicated to the specialized health needs of women. It now stands on the threshold of providing even greater contributions, as it looks to the future and begins its second century of community service.

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## WINNING ENTRIES SELECTED IN SECOND CIRCLE ART SHOW

The second annual Circle Art Show at St. Stephen Martyr Church Hall, 25th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., will close Sunday, May 29 at 2 p.m. after a week-long display of 56 paintings, drawings and prints, selected from 99 entries. Theme of the interfaith show is "God Is Joy." Both amateur and professional artists from the Washington area are represented.

At opening day, May 22, the entries were judged by Mr. Jack Perlmutter, internationally known painter and printmaker and head of the print department at the Corcoran School of Art.

Winner of the \$100 cash first prize was Percy Martin, a 23-year-old printmaker from Washington, for his etching "Adam and Eve." Mr. Martin, in his fourth year at Corcoran, also recently won a Ford Foundation-sponsored Corcoran scholarship. This is the first juried show he has entered.

Second prize, \$50 cash, went to Mrs. Joseph H. Cowan for her oil painting "The Image." The wife of a Washington physician, Mrs. Cowan is largely self-taught but at one time studied with the renowned art teacher Eugene Weisz. This is her first show.

Three Honorable Mention awards were also given. Their recipients: Terrence Coffman of Falls Church, Va., for his oil "Town by the Sea"; Marie Harley for "Landing of Columbus," in tempera, and Susan Shapiro, a GWU senior, for her etching "Whither Thou Goest." All three contestants had also exhibited in last year's show.

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The Circle Art Show is sponsored by The Friends of St. Stephen, organized last year to encourage the finest artistic expressions of faith. In addition to the 1965 art show, the group has sponsored a number of interfaith cultural programs, including concerts, lectures on art and architecture, poetry readings and a painting class.

Next year an all-sculpture show is planned.

### WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE? RECREATION DEPT. ASKS

Clint Price, City-Wide Division Director for the D.C. Recreation Department, writes of his department's efforts to acquaint adult residents with its activities and to learn what other activities they desire. Flyers describing these programs--sports, classes, shows, etc.--may be obtained from the FBNews.

### FOGGY BOTTOM SCENES AT TOBEY'S

Another art show of sorts may be seen at Tobey Jewelers, 2519 Pennsylvania Ave. This is a one-man exhibit of paintings and drawings of the Foggy Bottom area before its rehabilitation.

The artist is Frank Nebel, a boyhood friend of store owner S. Alexander Tobey from McKinley Tech days. Mr. Nebel was raised in Foggy Bottom. Most of his works on display were done here in the 1930's.

Area residents are welcome to view the exhibit at any time during store hours. For "oldtimers" it should stir many a memory, while newcomers may be interested to see many landmarks long since removed.

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### A WEDDING INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT

No, not LBJ of the USA, just DJC of the FBA. Foggy Bottom Association President Don Carbone invites his friends and neighbors to his wedding to Miss Josephine Marie Giddo on Saturday, June 18, at St. Matthew's Cathedral, 1729 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., at 10 a.m.

The ceremony will be a double wedding, with Jo's twin sister Rita exchanging vows with Robert W. Acker at the same time. Both couples--coincidentally--are planning Caribbean honeymoons.

Jo and Rita reside at 1660 Lanier Pl., N.W., with a third sister, Madeline Ann. The brides-to-be are originally from Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and are secretaries with the Navy and State Departments respectively. Bob, from New Castle, Pa., and Arlington, is a vice president of Capitol Title & Escrow Corporation, 1100 Vermont Ave., N.W.

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### FATHER DUFFY TO FORM NEW PARISH

The Rev. Thomas M. Duffy, assistant at St. Stephen Martyr Church, has been assigned by the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington to form a new parish on Falls Road in Rockville. Father Duffy's new position is effective May 28. He will be replaced at St. Stephen's by a newly ordained priest, the Rev. Joseph A. Piehuta.

Father Duffy, a native of Attleboro, Mass., and a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, was ordained in 1953. He came to St. Stephen's in 1962 and has also served as Newman Club chaplain at the George Washington University. His new church, St. Raphael's, will hold services initially in a Rockville junior high school.

Father Piehuta is originally from Sheffield, Pa.

### CONNIE PUMPS FOR CLEANER AIR

FBA Member Connie Foley of 2424 Pennsylvania Ave. was elected to the Board of Directors of the Greater Washington Citizens for Clean Air at the group's first annual meeting recently. Anyone interested in the organization and its efforts against the air pollution problem can reach Miss Foley at 234-7100.



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## WATER GATE INN CLOSES WITH 'PACKING UP' PARTY

Marjory Hendricks, the "First Lady of Foggy Bottom," gave a black-tie farewell party May 16 at Water Gate Inn, the well known restaurant on F St. at the end of New Hampshire Ave. It was called a "packing up" party, as Water Gate Inn had served its last meal to the public the day before. The restaurant, with its Pennsylvania Dutch specialties and its gift shop, must make way for the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

But the name lives on. Marjory had asked the Italian syndicate to use "Watergate" as the name for its huge development at 2500 Virginia Ave. The name originated from the fact that the site marks the approximate location of the opening of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal from the Potomac River.

Marjory credits her sister Genevieve of Georgetown with the unique art collection and decor of the restaurant. Genevieve is the only Fellow of the Institute of the American Decorators Association in Washington.

Marjory herself is retiring from the restaurant and gift shop businesses. She started Normandy Farms in Potomac, Md. in 1931, operating it until a few years ago. She established the Water Gate Inn nearly 25 years ago. She and it will be missed.

## ABEND'S FLORIST BLOSSOMS OUT

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## ANCHOR CLUB HOLDS AWARDS DINNER

The Anchor Club, a volunteer group which aids the adult mentally ill in the Metropolitan Area, will present its annual benefit dinner, "International Night," in the Federal Room of the International Inn on Tuesday, May 31.

Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien will receive an award from the Club for his work with the pressing national problem of aiding the adult mentally ill. Ted Mack, famed moderator of the "Original Amateur Hour", will be the Master of Ceremonies.

The proceeds from the benefit will be used by the Anchor Club to support its quickly expanding program of aid to the adult mentally ill of this area. The Club has operated a day care center at 901 Lawrence Street, N.E., since April, 1964.

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## HIGHWAY DEPT. EXPLAINS ITS EFFORTS IN CARING FOR TREE LAWNS; ASKS HELP

Beautification is a perennial subject of great interest in Foggy Bottom, and lately especially so. Particular concern has been voiced over the "tree lawns and tree boxes"--that is, the space between sidewalk and curb. For this reason, the FBNews prints in full a recent letter from Mr. Thomas F. Airis, Director of the D.C. Department of Highways and Traffic. The letter speaks for itself.

"I am sure you are familiar with the fact that Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, our First Lady, is extremely interested in a more beautiful Washington.

"In accordance with the wishes of the District Commissioners, we in the District Highway Department are doing our utmost to cooperate with the intent of the current beautification program. The Department does have a number of outright beautification projects that will blossom this spring along the highway entrances into the city.

"However, during each summer growing season, we have difficulty in keeping grass and weeds in tree spaces and tree boxes neatly trimmed and free of trash, and consequently, we would be most appreciative of obtaining some assistance from our fine citizen groups in this trimming and cleaning operation. We maintain these strips of public space on a periodic basis, but during the summer growing season, we simply do not have sufficient personnel to keep them in the state of neatness that they deserve.

"Toward this end, we have prepared a program for the control of grass and weeds in these public spaces and we are enclosing thirty copies. We would be deeply appreciative of any help that the citizens could give us in keeping the weeds and grass cut and trash picked up from this space that abuts their property.

"We in the Highway Department feel that by all of us working together, a great enthusiasm for this beautification program will be generated and really make this city blossom during the forthcoming year. We will do our part in periodic maintenance along these tree space strips and boxes in accordance with our capabilities, but assistance from the individual citizens in this respect will be most helpful.

"I am, in addition to my other duties, the Chairman on the Inter-Agency Beautification Program for the District of Columbia, and if there are any questions on what can be done to assist each other on this matter, you may wish to contact me or my Special Assistant, Mr. Elmer Atkins, Room 412 of the District Building, telephone 629-2047."

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## House and Garden Tour--Continued from page 3

be on exhibit--ranging from traditional American style to African masks and Chinese scrolls.

Tour guests, after visiting the house on 23rd Street--which is a veritable treasure trove--are invited for coffee at nearby St. Mary's Church--one of the oldest in the city. St. Mary's was built in 1867, at about the same era in which many of the present Foggy Bottom Homes were constructed for the German, Irish, and Italian workers in the glass factory and the breweries which were then thriving businesses.

The glass factory, located on Constitution Avenue, has long since disappeared. The old Heurich Brewery--of Arena Stage fame--has only recently succumbed to the bulldozer to make way for the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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